

ABSTRACT

[0035] This invention relates to a ball joint (10). The ball joint (10) includes a socket (12) having at least one opening (20) and an inner chamber (22). A bearing assembly (24) is disposed in the chamber (22) of the socket (12). The ball joint (10) also includes a ball stud (28) having a central ball portion (26) and a stud portion (77). The bearing assembly (24) supports the ball portion (26) of the ball stud (28). A resilient bushing (130) is disposed in the chamber (22) and is fixedly attached to the stud portion (77) of the ball stud (28).